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Miss. River Commission schedules Louisiana meeting

Public invited to present views, suggestions at Morgan City on Aug. 22

NEW ORLEANS – The Mississippi River Commission will conclude its 2003 low-water inspection trip in Morgan City on Aug. 22 to hear citizens' views and suggestions in a public meeting.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. aboard the Motor Vessel Mississippi, which will be docked at the Port of Morgan City, 800 Youngs Road.

The meeting will be the last of seven from St. Paul, Minn., to Morgan City. Local interests are invited to present their views and suggestions on water resource needs in the valley, including flood control and the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, environment, recreation and navigation.

The seven-member commission's mission is executed through the Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, Miss., and the river's six engineer districts: New Orleans, Vicksburg, Memphis, St. Louis, Rock Island and St. Paul.

The public meeting will begin with reports from Brig. Gen. Don T. Riley, the president-designate of the commission and Mississippi Valley Division engineer, and Col. Peter J. Rowan, New Orleans District engineer.

The	e other six members of the commission are:
	Sam E. Angel, farmer, Lake Village, Ark.
	R.D. James, civil engineer, New Madrid, Mo.
	William Clifford Smith, civil engineer, Houma
	Brig. Gen. Steven R. Hawkins,* U.S. Army, Cincinnati, Ohio
	Rear Adm. Nicholas A. Prahl, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
	Norfolk, Va.,
	Brig. Gen. William T. Grisoli,* U.S. Army, Portland, Ore.
*designated	

Media note: To interview commission members, please arrive at least 30 minutes early. **Mississippi River Commission** site http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/mrc/index.php